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#### FLAME-RETARDANT POLYESTER-BASED FIBER FOR ARTIFICIAL HAIR

the specification of which

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is attached hereto.

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International Application No. PCT/JP2004/012039

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Application No.

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